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SUBJ: ALL INDIA RADIO ON ARMS EMBARGO

1. THERE HAS BEEN A FLAP HERE OVER AN ALL INDIA RADIO BROADCAST QUOTING AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AS SAYING THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE NO CHANGE IN THE ARMS EMBARGO. APPARENTLY THE BROADCAST WAS ALSO PICKED UP AND RELAYED BY BBC.

2. LAST NIGHT THE FOREIGN OFFICE GAVE ME THE TEXT OF THEIR MONITOR OF ALL INDIA RADIO, WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) QTE THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, MR. MOYNIHAN, HAS INDICATED THAT HIS COUNTRY IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE ITS POLICY OF EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO THE SUBCONTINENT.

(2) MR. MOYNIHAN TOLD NEWSMEN IN NEW DELHI THAT THE AMERICAN POLICY IN THIS REGARD HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR AND HE MAINTAINED THAT HIS COUNTRY IS THE ONLY ARMS PRODUCING COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT SELLING MILITARY HARDWARE IN THIS AREA. HE REGRETTED THAT THERE HAS NOT BE ADEQUATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS POLICY. END QTE.

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3. AGHA SHAHI TOLD ME HE HAD SENT A MEMO TO BHUTTO QUOTING BROADCAST. I TOLD HIM THAT HE SHOULD TELL BHUTTO, WHOM HE WAS SEEING LATER LAST NIGHT, THAT I DID NOT CONSIDER THE INDIAN BROADCAST ACCURATE AS I HAD READ THE TRANSCRIPT OF MOYNIHAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON THIS POINT IN YESTERDAY'S WIRELESS FILE. HE SAID HE WOULD DO SO IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE DAMAGE QUICKLY.

4. THIS MORNING, SHAH NAWAZ, WHO WAS APPARENTLY NOT PRIVY TO LAST NIGHT'S CONVERSATIONS, EXPRESSED CONCERN AGAIN OVER THIS MATTER. I HAD WITH ME MOYNIHAN'S REMARKS FROM THE WIRELESS FILE WHICH IN GENERAL CONFIRMED THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA TWO OF THE BROADCAST, BUT NOT THAT OF PARA ONE WHICH SPOKE OF THE FUTURE. THIS WAS ACCEPTED AS THE TYPE OF THING THAT THE INDIANS DO, SO I GUESS THAT SETTLES THIS ONE FOR THE TIME BEING.
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